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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT:

Request for CS Notice re Liaison with Department of State

- 1. There is need to correct certain prevailing practices in liaison regarding PP matters by the Clandestine Services with the Department of State. The regulations on this subject require clarification. Your approval of the attached CS Notice on this subject is requested. It has been coordinated with FI and PPC.
- 2. Historically the primary responsibility for conducting lisison with the Department of State on NSC 10/2 (later NSC 5412) matters, first given by regulation to the Assistant Director for Policy Coordination, was assigned to CPP by DD/P Order No. 1 of 31 July 1952. The Department of State assigned this responsibility to Mr. Joyce.
- 3. It became necessary for the chiefs of Area Divisions and their principal assistants to have direct contacts with their "opposite numbers" in the Department. This practice was encouraged but written memoranda of the outcome of all meetings were to be furnished to Mr. Joyce and CPP to enable them to discharge their respective responsibilities to monitor these matters. Gradually more and more CIA officers started having meetings with a wider group in State. As of recent date there were 132 CIA representatives conducting regular liaison with 107 persons on PP subjects in State. As the number of contacts was enlarged, the requirement to provide memoranda for the record was increasingly overlooked.
- 4. As a result there have been too many CIA individuals discussing too many matters with too many individuals in State without adequate supervision or reporting. This not only presents a continuing security hazard but increases the possibility that CIA may take the wrong action through incorrect advice from the wrong person at State. These dangers have also concerned Mr. Higgs, successor to Mr. Joyce at State, and have been the subject of comment by Colonel Lane of the Hoover Commission.
- 5. As a first step, by agreement with the Area Chiefs, we have reduced and will further reduce the number of CIA officers authorized to conduct liaison with State. Mr. Higgs is likewise arranging to narrow the number so authorised for State.

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6. The Agency regulations on this subject are scattered and in some respects imprecise. A new clear CS Notice such as the attached is required to enable this staff to discharge its assigned responsibility to monitor on your behalf all PP liaison with State.

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